

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 16, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the combined elements/steps of "wherein one pair of the twisted pairs network is a service pair that routes source signals and control signals to the central processing and multiplexing unit" in conjunction with "each of the source signals is a video signal", as recited in the claims.

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As stated in Applicant's arguments, as previously stated by the Examiner, Goodman and Fenouil fail to teach transmitting video signals and control signals on the same pair of a twisted pair network. Specifically, Figure 12 of Fenouil teaches away from Applicant's claims, because only audio signals and control signals are transmitted on a first pair of a twisted pair network, while video is transmitted on a separate pair.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason P. Salce whose telephone number is (571) 272-7301. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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